

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to advise Your Excellency, under instructions from my Government, of the interest of its Treasury Department in bringing about a stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs through the establishment of closer cooperation between the administrative officials of the United States and those of Your Excellency's Government.

To achieve this end, my Government would be deeply appreciative of the cooperation of the Government of the Turkish Republic in arranging for

- 1) the direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding Turkish Ministry of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.
- 2) The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern Turkey or the United States. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.
- 3) Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of the United States Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Should the arrangements proposed above meet with the approval of Your

Excellency's Government, I should be grateful, in order that I may communicate with my Government, if Your Excellency, in so informing me, would give me the name of the Turkish official with whom the aforesaid Colonel Nutt should enter into communication.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Note Verbale which the Embassy of the United States of America addressed to it on February 18 last, sub No. 29, with regard to the organization of a control to be established between the responsible authorities of each country, with a view to combating the traffic in drugs and the contraband in narcotics.

As a result of a communication, emanating from the competent Department, which had been advised of the contents of the Note above-mentioned, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs now has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the Government of the Republic of Turkey, while accepting the proposed cooperation suggested by the competent American Department, wishes nevertheless to limit this cooperation as far as is strictly necessary, in order that it may in no way hinder the commerce in and exportation of crude opium, which constitutes one of Turkey's principal exports.

The cooperation should, therefore, consist in the exchange of photographs, information regarding suspected persons, fingerprints, and in exchanging information with regard to the methods employed by smugglers, in order to locate the scene of their activities.

To this end the Ministry of the Interior has authorized Staff Lieutenant-Colonel Cherif Bey, Prefect of Police of Stamboul, to enter into contact with Colonel L. G. Nutt, in order to regulate the questions of procedure and details regarding the suggested cooperation between both countries; all in accordance with the limitation set forth above.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be obliged if the Embassy of the United States of America would bring the foregoing to the attention of whom it may concern.

ANGORA, *October 3, 1928.*

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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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